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**U.S. CHARGES FORMER CITY CORRECTION  
DEPARTMENT DEPUTY COMMISSIONER WITH MAIL FRAUD**

JAMES B. COMEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and ROSE GILL HEARN, the Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation, announced today that FREDERICK J. PATRICK, who has served as New York City Department of Correction ("DOC") Deputy Commissioner for Programs, Deputy Coordinator for Criminal Justice Services, and as Commissioner of the Department of Juvenile Justice, has been charged in a Complaint with a scheme to defraud the New York City Correction Foundation, Inc. (the "Foundation") of more than \$100,000. PATRICK is currently Deputy Commissioner of Community Affairs with the New York City Police Department.

According to the Complaint, filed today in Manhattan federal court, the Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation, whose stated purpose is, among other things, to fund programs and activities to strengthen the DOC. PATRICK has served as

Treasurer of the Foundation since approximately 1994. PATRICK was the sole signatory on the Foundation's bank account.

According to the Complaint, during the approximate period, January 1997 through December 2001, PATRICK is alleged to have written \$107,462.99 in Foundation checks payable to MCI and approximately \$5,271.00 in Foundation checks payable to NYNEX. According to the Complaint, PATRICK admitted that these expenditures were in connection with collect calls from New York State and New York City inmates to his home phone in Manhattan; that PATRICK often accepted these collect calls, which were of a personal nature; that PATRICK also allowed inmates to place calls to other persons using his home telephone number; that PATRICK did not receive approval from DOC or the Foundation for these expenditures; and that PATRICK has not repaid the Foundation for the calls.

PATRICK, 38, lives in Manhattan. He surrendered to authorities this morning, and was scheduled to be presented later today before United States Magistrate Judge THEODORE KATZ.

If convicted, PATRICK faces a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a fine of \$250,000.

Mr. COMEY praised the investigative efforts of the New York City Department of Investigation for its work on this case.

Assistant United States Attorney SERENE K. NAKANO is in

charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the Complaint are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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